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"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

Newsletter 37: Friday 5th July 2024

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families are all well.

Please check the diary list at the end of the school newsletter for details about masses and sports days as well as other school events which are taking place this half term.

70th Anniversary Celebrations:

Thank you to all of those who came to our 70th Anniversary event. It was lovely to see so many past pupils and their families join us for this special occasion. We would especially like to thank all of our pupils who joined us at mass on Saturday to sing in the school choir - it made the mass very special!

Thank you also to Fr Jibu who gave a very detailed homily about the history of our school. You can read it [here](#).

Finally, thank you to all the children who entered the 70th Anniversary art competition which was organised by Mrs Berry. The winners were: Charlotte D in Y6 and Evie S-H in Y1.

PTA Summer Fayre Fundraising:

Thank you to our amazing PTA who held their annual Summer Fayre last Saturday. £3000 was raised for school. Thank you to everyone who helped out and attended on the day - especially our PTA chair: Mr Doocey and PTA treasurer: Mrs McNamara.

Sports Days:

These are taking place next week. Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit, trainers and a sun hat on these days along with a **labelled** full bottle of water. Please note that no earrings or other jewellery should be worn. Parents are welcome to come and join us at all of our sports day events.

Y4 & Y6 Musical Showcase:

On **Friday 12th July** at **2.40pm**, our **Y4** and **Y6** pupils will be performing a musical showcase. We hope as that as many parents as possible will be able to join in us for this performance.



Glee Club Performance – Friday 12th July:

In assembly on **Friday 12th July** there will be a performance from the children who attend the after school Glee Club with Miss Doody. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us.



Hot Weather:

Please send your child into school with a suitable hat and a labelled bottle of water to help to reduce the potential for any ill effects which could possibly result from hot weather conditions. Please also make sure that your child has a **coat** in school in case the weather changes!



Number Fact of the Week:

It is really important for our pupils to learn their multiplication facts as quickly as possible. By the end of Y4, it is expected that all pupils will be able to instantly recall all of these up to 12 x 12.

Every week, Mr Shanahan, our maths leader, will be setting a challenge to learn a specific number fact.

Be prepared: when he sees you around school he will be testing you!

This week's number fact is:

$$9 \times 5 = 45$$

or

$$5 \times 9 = 45$$

**Masses this Half Term:**

All **parents** and **parishioners** are warmly invited to all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **11.30am**.

Date:	Information:
Wednesday 10 th July	Infants' mass in school hall at 9.15am .
Wednesday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in school at 9.15am

Diary Dates:

Date:	Information:
Monday 8 th July	Y4, Y5 & Y6 netball club 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 9 th July	Y3,4,5,6 sports day in school at 9.15am Y2 & Y3 Rugby Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 11 th July	Reception, Y1, Y2 sports day in school at 9.15am KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm Glee Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 12 th July	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents are invited to join us) Glee Club singing in Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at 9.05am Nursery sports day in school at 11.00am Y4 & Y6 Musical Showcase in the school hall at 2.40pm
Wednesday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in school at 9.15am
Friday 19 th July	Last day of summer term

Term Dates 2024-25:

Pupils will return to school after the summer holiday on **Wednesday 4th September**. We will be closed to pupils for training days on these dates (further dates to be advised):

- Monday 2nd September
- Tuesday 3rd September
- Friday 13th September
- Monday 21st July

2024-25	Term starts:	Half Term Holiday:	Term Ends:
Autumn	Monday 2 nd September Wednesday 4th September for pupils	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November	Friday 20 th December
Spring	Monday 6 th January	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February	Friday 11 th April
Summer	Monday 28 th April	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May	Friday 18 th July (for pupils) Monday 21 st July (for staff)

Happy birthday to:

Alfie B (Y1) and Esmée W (R) who both have a birthday to celebrate next week.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation. This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

Mass at Holy Name Church:

Saturday 12.30pm

Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

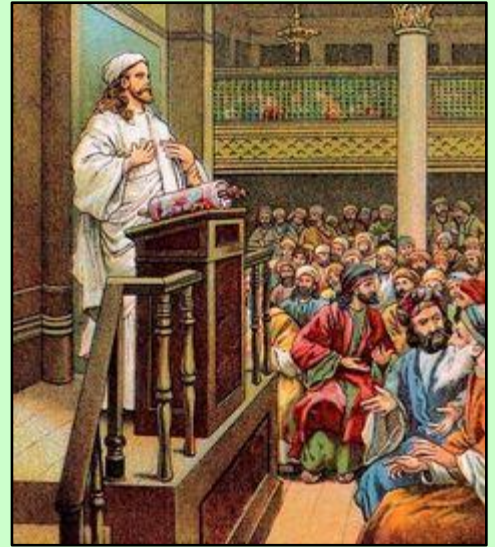
In this Sunday's gospel reading Jesus is back in his home town and teaching in the synagogue.

How did the people feel when they heard him speaking?

They were very surprised. They couldn't understand how Jesus, who they had known since he was a little boy, could have so much wisdom and teach so well.

Why do you think the people were so surprised?

They thought that they knew who Jesus was – the son of Joseph the carpenter. They thought Jesus was just an ordinary man, but he wasn't. Why not?



The people could not accept that Jesus was special. They did not believe in him.

Sometimes when we know someone really well we can forget how special they are. It can be hard to see past all the things we know about them, to what they are really like. And sometimes we forget how special the things that we do are, because they just feel ordinary to us.

Can you think of something special that someone you know really well does – it could be a friend or a family member or someone else?

And can you think of one ordinary thing that you do, that others might see as special?

The people listening to Jesus in today's reading judge him because of who he is and where he comes from. They are not willing to listen to him or to change their minds, even though he shows wisdom in his teaching.

Do you think this is right? Why not?

Have you ever made your mind up about someone just because of where they came from? Or has it happened to you – that people have judged you because of who your family are or where you come from?

Our Catholic Mission:

Maybe this week we can try to see how special the people around us are. The people we know really well – our friends and family – who do lots of special things, even though we sometimes don't notice.

And this week, let's try not to judge anyone for where they come from or who their family is, but instead listen to them, look out for the special things that they do, and see what we can learn from them.

Prayer:

Creator God,
you made us all in your image and we are all loved by you.
Show us how to treat each other with kindness and respect
and help us to see how special each and every person in the world is.
Amen.

Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy